Live Stock Census

4888. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) when the last livestock census was undertaken in the country;

(b) what is the population of cows, buffaloes, goats, sheeps, and its progeny and other cattle in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the cattle population is decreasing rapidly, per one thousand citizens of India; and

(d) if so, what is the number of cattle population per thousand in 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981 and 1991, State- wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) The last livestock census was conducted in 1997. However, data by this census is not yet available as the census reports from a large number of States/UTs have not been received so far;

(b) Details indicating the total number of livestock are giving in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 122]

(c) At all India level cattle population against per one thousand human population is showing a decreasing trend.

(d) After independence livestock censuses were conducted during 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987 and 1992. A statement indicating the cattle population during 1951, 1961, 1972, 1982 and 1992 against per thousand human population is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 122]

Prices of Foodgrains

4889. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of agricultural commodities, pulses and foodgrains are increasing rapidly since 1st January, 1999;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any corrective steps have been taken in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) No, Sir. With the exception of

marginal seasonal increase in cereals under the sub-group-foodgrains, the monthly Wholesale Price Index (WPI) of other sub-groups of agricultural commodities decreased during January, 1999 to March, 2000. This can be seen from the annexes statement of monthly Index Number of Wholesale Prices.

Statement

Monthly index number of wholesale prices under different groups and sub-groups

Base 1993-94=100

S. No.	Commodity	January, 1999	March, 2000 (Prov.)	%change in March 2000 over January
1.	Food Articles	157.2	166.3	5.8
2.	Foodgrains	165.0	174.9	6.0
3.	Cereals	165.2	176.5	6.8
4.	Pulses	163.6	162.9	(-)0.4
5.	Fruits & Vegetables	145.4	144.5	(-)0.6
6.	Condiments & Spices	239.2	216.1	(-)9.7
7.	Other Food Articles	153.1	134.3	(-)12.3
8.	Non Food Articles	153.2	140.4	(-)8.4
9.	Oilseeds	148.7	126.9	(-)14.7

Financial Assistance to State Governments for Natural Calamities

4890. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance sought by the State Governments and released by Government for natural calamities such as floods, cyclones and landslides during last five years, State-wise;

(b) whether any such demand is pending before Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) to (d) In addition to yearly allocation durig 1995-96 to 1999-2000 under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) to undertake immediate relief measures in the wake of various natural calamities, assistance from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) was considered for calamities of rare severity in accordance with a set procedure and the admissibility norms. Assistance from the NFCR released to various States during 1995-96 to 1999-2000 in wake of various natural calamities is indicated in the statement annexed. (*See next page*) No request from the States for assistance from NFCR is pending for 1999-2000.